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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case CM-2079

In the Matter of :
 US National Phase Entry :
 Under 35 USC 371 from :
 International Application of :
 Baeck :
 Int'l Application No. PCT/US00/10063 : Group Art Unit : N/A
 Filed on April 13, 2000 : Examiner : N/A

For Detergent Compositions :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete current claims 1-10 and replace with the new claims 11-20 below.

11. A detergent composition comprising an acid sensitive montmorillonite clay.

12. A composition according to claim 11 in which the ratio of $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{MgO}$ in % by weight is less than 4.

13. A composition according to claim 12 in which the ratio of $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{MgO}$ in % by weight is less than 3.

14. A composition according to claim 13 comprising at least 5% by weight of clay.

15. A composition according to claim 14 comprising at least 8%, preferably at least 10% by

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